

Pest Control Operators

The **County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program** supports businesses in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs).

- ! Water that is released into the streets, gutters, and storm drains in San Diego County IS NOT TREATED before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. All sources of pollution are prohibited from leaving your property and entering streets or storm drains. Only rainwater is allowed in the streets and storm drains. **These tips for inspecting your business will help keep our waterways clean.**

General Requirements

Formulation

- ❑ Pesticide formulation should occur at the jobsite.
- ❑ Only formulate and use what you need for a single job.

Application

- ❑ Ensure equipment is dispensing the proper amount of pesticide product.
- ❑ Apply pesticides as close to the target area as possible.
- ❑ Do not apply pesticides during or prior to weather events including wind or rain that may cause pesticides to run or drift away from the intended target area.
- ❑ Follow directions on pesticide product labels for proper use and disposal. Review labels and pesticide regulations routinely as product directions may be updated.

more tips >>>

we can
**protect our
waterways**

with just
a few steps.



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Application

- ❑ Refer to product labels, local regulations, and laws regarding proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Common PPE items include chemical-resistant gloves, eyewear, protective suits, respirators, footwear, and headgear.
- ❑ Train personnel on how to properly read labels and follow PPE guidelines.

Storage and Transport

- ❑ Store pesticides in a designated area away from waterbodies and storm drain inlets.
- ❑ Store pesticides in their original product containers. If the container is damaged, store product in a secure container with the original label.
- ❑ Be aware of how extreme temperatures can cause chemical changes to pesticides. Ensure pesticides are stored in a cool and dry environment.
- ❑ Transport pesticides in the cargo area of a vehicle. Keep the driver and/or passenger away from pesticides and ventilate the vehicle.
- ❑ While in transit, store pesticides in plastic containers designated for transport only. Have PPE and a hazardous material spill kit on hand when transporting pesticides.

Disposal

- ❑ Dispose of pesticides according to label instructions.
- ⚠ Releasing pollutants directly or indirectly into the storm drain system or waterways is a violation of the County's Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO). ***Your business is required to comply with the WPO and the above minimum BMPs.***

thank you for doing your part to protect our waterways.



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